

## Minutes of Board Meeting

November 23, 1959

A regular meeting of the Board of Regents of Western Kentucky State College was held in the LaFayette Room of the Pendennis Club, in the City of Louisville, Kentucky, at 12:15 p.m., Central Standard Time, Monday, November 23, 1959. After a luncheon was served, the Board went into a business session.

Mr. Owen C. Hammons having been appointed by Governor Chandler to replace Mr. Sam Ezelle, whose term had expired, qualified as a member of the Board of Regents by taking the Constitutional Oath which was administered by Judge Charles B. Zirkle, of Louisville, Kentucky.

COPY OF APPOINTMENT

In The Name And By The Authority Of The  
Commonwealth of Kentucky

A. B. Chandler  
Governor of the Commonwealth of Kentucky

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME GREETING:

Know Ye, That Mr. Owen C. Hammons, Louisville, Kentucky, having been duly appointed is hereby commissioned a Member of the Board of Regents of Western Kentucky State College for a term to expire March 31, 1963.

I hereby invest him with full power and authority to execute and discharge the duties of the said office according to law. And to have and to hold the same, with all the rights and emoluments thereunto legally appertaining, for and during the term prescribed by law.

In testimony whereof, I have caused these letters to be made patent, and the seal of the Commonwealth to be hereunto affixed.  
Done in Frankfort, the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_  
in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and 59 and in the one hundred and 69th year of the Commonwealth.

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By the Governor

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Secretary of State

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By Assistant Secretary of State

Members present in addition to Mr. Hammons were Mr. Bemis Lawrence; Dr. W. R. McCormack; Mr. Robert Spragens and Dr. Robert R. Martin, Chairman. There were also present President Kelly Thompson; Mr. Billy S. Smith, Business Manager; Miss Georgia Bates, Secretary to the President; and Miss Etta J. Runner, Secretary.

The Chairman called the meeting to order and presided.

On behalf of the faculty and administrative staff of Western, President Thompson welcomed Mr. Hammons to membership on the Board of Regents. He solicited his counsel and advice "in an effort to help make Western the finest college of its kind." Mr. Hammons was also welcomed by the other Board members.

Mr. Lawrence moved that the minutes of the meeting of the Board held July 15, 1959, be adopted without a reading by the Secretary, inasmuch as each member had previously received a copy of the minutes. Dr. McCormack seconded the motion which was unanimously adopted.

President Thompson reported on the present financial status of the College and commented favorably on the outlook for the 1960-62 budget to be presented to the Legislature. An account was given of the new personnel employed since the last meeting of the Board. Recent campus improvements were reviewed by the President and included the following: (1) Faculty House, formerly the Cedar House, which was made possible through the financial assistance of the College Heights Foundation; (2) the renovation of Snell Hall, brought about through a plan cooperatively financed by the Regent and Trustees of Ogden College and by Western; and (3) the erection of a new dairy pole-type barn, at a cost of \$4,997.39.

The President also advised of an action of the College Heights Foundation on November 20, 1959, in which they appropriated the sum of \$4,473.50 for the purchase and installation of new chimes in the tower of Cherry Hall.

A motion was made by Dr. McCormack, and seconded by Mr. Lawrence, that the President be authorized to write a letter to the Directors of the College Heights Foundation and the Regent and Trustees of Ogden College, expressing the appreciation of the Board of Regents for their interest in and cooperation with the College that has brought into reality the above-mentioned facilities.



President Thompson next reported on the settlement of damages to East and South Halls. He reported that the damage to the ceilings in these two dormitories, which had been discussed at a previous Board meeting, had been repaired by the contractors.

A check in the amount of \$695,656.50, delivered by Mr. Billy Smith from the Housing and Home Finance Agency in Atlanta, and in payment of the New Residence Hall for Women, was presented by President Thompson. The check, which was endorsed by the Board members present, is to be delivered to the State Treasurer of Kentucky, for reimbursement of money advanced by the State Department of Finance for the construction of this dormitory.

President Thompson reported that the new dormitory for men was approximately one-third completed, and even though work was slightly behind schedule, due to the delay in the delivery of steel, it was his opinion that the building would be ready for occupancy by the opening of the 1960-61 school year. In this connection Dr. Thompson advised that preliminary approval has been granted by the Housing and Home Finance Agency and that funds have been encumbered in the amount of \$675,000 for the construction of another new dormitory for men.

After a discussion of the new dormitory for men Mr. Spragens moved with a second by Mr. Lawrence the adoption of the following resolution:

#### RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Regents of Western Kentucky State College hereby -

1. Authorizes President Kelly Thompson to submit and sign such documents, statements and exhibits as is necessary to complete the processing of the loan application Project No. CH-Ky-41(D), in amount of \$675,000.
2. Authorizes him to take such action as is necessary to bring about the final execution of the contract between Western Kentucky State College and the Housing and Home Finance Agency.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That it is the intention of the Board of Regents of Western Kentucky State College to approve said loan, in the amount listed above, at a meeting subsequent to the final execution of the contract.

Upon roll call the vote was as follows:

Aye: Dr. Martin; Mr. Lawrence; Dr. McCormack;  
Mr. Spragens; Mr. Hammons

Nay: None

Revised plans for the proposed science building were reviewed by President Thompson. Stating that our enrollment in the various sciences is such as would completely saturate the building as previously planned, he added that revised planning calls for the building to cost \$1,500,000, or an increase of approximately \$700,000 over the original plans. He continued by saying that the proposed location for this building is on Ogden Campus now leased to the College. A letter from the Attorney General, dated November 17, 1959, was presented by the President. The letter follows:

LETTER

November 17, 1959

Hon. Kelly Thompson  
President  
Western Kentucky State College  
Bowling Green, Kentucky

Dear Sir:

First, please accept our apology for our delay in answer to your recent inquiry regarding the execution of a building on land leased by Western Kentucky State College. Our office has recently been engaged in various matters of litigation of an urgent nature which has necessitated our delaying matters of less urgency.

You state that your College presently leases certain land known as the Ogden Campus and that your College officials wish to erect upon this land a new science building. You also state that the Regent and Trustees of Ogden College propose to extend your present lease for a period of 99 years, if the science building is constructed on the Ogden property. You ask whether such a building may be constructed with state funds on land leased in this manner.

It is our opinion that authority to carry out such a project is contained in KRS 164.410 wherein it is provided that:

"Each board of regents may, on such terms as it regards best for the college, purchase or lease land for the purpose of securing the erection of buildings. . ."

Apparently this statute was designed specifically for such projects as you have in mind, and we believe that



it would not be improper for you to proceed to erect the building on this leased land. This is particularly true, we think, in view of the 99 year lease contemplated.

We are returning the copy of the Resolution and the Lease Agreement, which you submitted for our information.

Yours very truly,

JO. M. FERGUSON  
ATTORNEY GENERAL

By Seth T. Boaz, Jr  
Assistant Attorney

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After a discussion of the proposed science building and lease, Dr. McCormack moved the adoption of the following resolution:

#### RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED By the Board of Regents of Western Kentucky State College that President Kelly Thompson be authorized to sign and acknowledge on behalf of the Board of Regents of Western Kentucky State College a contract and agreement of lease by and between Cooper R. Smith, Jr., Regent and Trustee under the will of Robert W. Ogden, Trustee under the will of John E. Robinson, and Trustee under the will of R. C. P. Thomas, acting by and through his duly authorized and constituted Attorney-in-Fact, Herbert J. Smith, Acting Regent and Trustee of Ogden College. This authorization is to include the extension of present lease dated July 11, 1956, and which said lease was negotiated for a period of ten years commencing July 2, 1956 and/or authorizes President Kelly Thompson to negotiate and sign a new lease, such new lease to be for such a period of time which will enable Western Kentucky State College to utilize the leased acreage for building purposes. Said lease will include the following described real estate located in Bowling Green, Warren County, Kentucky:

The Ogden Campus located on State Street and Fourteenth Streets and the Nashville Boulevard, containing seven or eight acres of ground, and being the same property purchased by the Board of Trustees of Ogden College from the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, together with all buildings on same and all equipment belonging to said College.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Spragens and upon roll call the vote was as follows:

Aye: Mr. Martin; Mr. Lawrence; Dr. McCormack;  
Mr. Spragens; Mr. Hammons

Nay: None

The President next presented a Donee Resolution, submitted by the Division of Property Utilization for execution by Western Kentucky State College. After a discussion and upon recommendation, Mr. Lawrence moved that Dr. Kelly Thompson, President; Mr. Billy Smith, Business Manager; and Mr. L. T. Smith, Physical Plant Administrator, be authorized as representatives of this College to sign any documents required by the Division of Property Utilization for the selection and receipt of donable surplus property from the Federal Government. The motion was seconded by Mr. Spragens and unanimously adopted.

President Thompson presented a proposal pertaining to mineral rights on farm property owned by the College. He expressed a hope that it might be possible for the College to transfer to the College Heights Foundation the mineral rights on the farm, in return for which the College Heights Foundation would take the responsibility of seeing whether or not further oil explorations would be feasible. Following a discussion Mr. Lawrence moved that President Thompson be authorized to investigate the legal aspects and if such a transfer could be accomplished, that the College enter into an agreement with the College Heights Foundation. The motion, seconded by Dr. McCormack, unanimously carried.

The next item of business was the presentation of a letter from Arvin Upton, Washington attorney, and son of Mrs. Jennie Upton, a member of the Western faculty, who is eligible for retirement next year. The writer requested answers as to whether or not it would be possible to change the general plan regarding the payment of any benefits accrued to his mother. After a thorough discussion, the Board decided, without a vote, that no changes should be made in the plan of payments.

Dr. Thompson reported that Mr. Douglas Keen, a member of the Board, was still in the hospital. He stated that Mr. Keen was making excellent progress and planned to be home for Thanksgiving.

Dr. Spragens moved that a message be sent from the Board to Mr. Keen. Dr. McCormack seconded the motion which was unanimously adopted.

President Thompson gave a report on the growth of enrollment at the College during the past five years.

President Thompson stated that the meeting would probably be the last over which Dr. Martin would preside during his present term of office, and expressed appreciation on behalf of the College for the



fine cooperation and attitude always demonstrated by Dr. Martin. The members of the Board concurred in the President's remarks.

Dr. Martin responded by saying it had been a real pleasure for him to serve on the Board and that he had always found it a most pleasant task.

On motion of Dr. McCormack with a second by Mr. Lawrence the meeting adjourned.

Robert R. Martin  
Chairman

Etta Summer  
Secretary

#### Minutes of Board Meeting

May 18, 1960

The regular quarterly meeting of the Board of Regents of Western Kentucky State College was held on the College Campus on Wednesday, May 18, 1960, at 9:00 a.m. CST.

Before going into business session, the group attended chapel assembly and occupied seats on the stage for the annual Awards Day presentation program. After the recognition of individual students and student organizations for achievements of the current school term, Mr. Lawrence, Vice-Chairman of the Board, read the following resolution:

#### RESOLUTION

Whereas, Western Kentucky State College is enjoying one of its greatest eras of growth, not only physically but also intellectually, academically, and morally; and

Whereas, the citizenry of Kentucky will benefit from this wholesome program for many decades to come; and